

RIGHT HAND SHOT OFF.

Assessor-Elect Buck Meets With Serious Accident.

The people of the county were startled by the news from Commerce that Assessor-elect R. L. Buck had accidentally shot his right hand off. It seems that Mr. Buck was out for a hunt and, while taking his gun from the rear of the buggy, the hammer caught, with the usual result, the lead passing through his right wrist. The arm was amputated between the elbow and wrist and he is doing well.

Mr. Buck is principal of the Commerce public school and the newly elected assessor. Hence the loss of his right hand is a serious blow to him.

Special Term of County Court.

A special term of county court is called to meet on December 30 for the purpose of examining the saloon petitions of Joe Merritt, Morley, and A. L. Daniel, Benton. This will be the last session of the present county court.

Those praying the court to grant license to Mr. Daniels are, Mate Sanders, R. L. Stubblefield, Ben Deaton, Frank Kelly, John Martin, W. H. H. Hutson, Belle Fornes, Jim Browning, Julia E. Daniels, W. H. Heisner, W. W. Robertson, V. L. Harris, Leo Fornes, Albert, De-Rign, Wm. Ristig, R. A. Kingsbury, Bob Adams, Joe F. Watkins, A. B. Fornes, C. F. Bonendon, R. G. Adams, James Walker, Tom Adams, Emil Steck, J. G. Friend, H. Humphrey, C. E. Noble, Geo. M. Allen, Chas. E. Bonendon, Jas. R. Walker, C. R. Kimbrell, J. P. Norrid, L. S. Brock, J. B. Hutson, Clarence Johnson, W. T. Hale, B. F. Schlathoelter, Mary E. Glatetter, A. L. Daniel, Lizzie A. Daniel, A. J. Dowell, Wilhelm Steck, W. W. Murray.

Accidentally Killed.

A party of hunters alighted from a train at McMullin, when a gun in the hands of one was accidentally discharged and killed another named Johnson. It seems that the accident occurred some time before the coroner was notified and that the body lay on the railroad track where it fell.

The party was from Indiana.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Kelso, Mo., will be held on the second Tuesday of January (the 10th) for the purpose of electing five directors and transacting such other business as may come up. Polls open from 1 to 3 o'clock p. m. J. C. Drury, Pres., Lee L. Albert, Cashier.

STRAYED—One young black sow, white spot in head, crop-off left ear, weight 150 lbs. Liberal reward for information leading to their recovery. R. F. Strack, Benton, Mo.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

It is necessary to begin the celebration of Christmas a little early this year since it comes on Sunday. The proper thing to do is to ride to town as soon as you eat breakfast Saturday morning, hitch your horse to a post and make for the saloon. Stay there. Never mind the horse—he is faring better than you and will feel better next day. At midnight, when the bums with whom you have associated all day load you on your trusty animal, give him a few vicious kicks, let go a yell and start off in a gallop. If you fall off, lay there until you are able to get on. It's Christmas, you know, the day on which your Savior was born, and you have a perfect right to make any sort of a hog of yourself in commemoration of that event. And when you get home in your dirty and maudlin condition your wife and babies will be so happy to see you. It will be such a merry Christmas for them.

H. C. Stanley, who tills 130 acres a mile and a half this side of Blodgett, is satisfied with the season's work. Last fall he put in wheat and in summer harvested an average of 12½ bushels to the acre. Then he put in peas, threshed 800 bushels and hauled the rest without threshing. He has two stacks of hay not yet baled, and estimates that altogether he will have between 2,000 and 2,500 bales of 100 pounds each.

Don't know what will happen to the well next. After putting down 1100 feet of casing without results, the men again left for St. Louis. There's a water famine in town and the people continue to patronize the old public well. A water famine and a \$10,000 well in the same community is a queer combination.

Miss Julia Wade left last week to be absent for some time. Before leaving she presented the editor with a gallon jar with his name thereon—made by him while in the pottery business at Santa Fe, Ill.

Phillip Georger of Kelso is not an expert in estimating the weight of machinery. He examined the cylinder press in this office Wednesday and said it must weigh nearly 1000 pounds. It weighs 7000.

Uncle Jack Dowell, our rural route carrier, has treated himself to a new mail wagon. Everybody says it's a dandy—and what everybody says is usually true.

Mrs. Mary and Mr. M. L. Noble of Muskegon, Mich., mother and brother of Contractor C. E. Noble, are here spending the holidays with him.

Mrs. Joseph Hahn spent a short while with Mrs. Hahn Wednesday, while Mr. Hahn learned what he could about printing.

Miss Cleo Freeling went to Cape Wednesday on a visit to her friend Miss Josie Bagwell.

John Willman and crew are here from Kelso plastering the Catholic church and school.

Mrs. Dr. Freeling and Mrs. Thomas Adams went to Morley Wednesday.

FROM EDNA.

Mr. Sage of the Central Insurance Co. made a map of this town Friday.

E. A. Wills of Murphysboro bought seven lots in the Schuette addition Thursday and will assist in building up our town.

J. B. Fields and family of Haverhill have moved into their new home here.

The Cotton Belt boarding house was destroyed by fire Saturday. It caught from defective flue.

Wm. Nelson visited his family in Jonesboro Sunday.

C. D. Marx of Cairo spent Sunday here with Henry Schuette.

Henry Loe of Burkville was here this week arranging for the erection of his new three-story hotel.

C. E. Anderson will begin work on the Terminal hotel next week.

Julius Peters of Balcom, Ill., has bought seven lots and will build tenant houses thereon.

Emil Hilleman is in St. Louis this week.

Miss Alice Lash has pneumonia.

C. W. Jones is sick.

R. E. Overturf is in Malden.

Billy Garrison has opened up a grocery store.

John Ester is building a new house.

J. D. Burfield will spend the holidays with family in Metropolis, Ill.

FROM KELSO.

Constable M. B. Drury arrested Mr. Preacher Friday of last week. He was tried in Squire Dammann's court and given 20 days, but will be released for Christmas.

Miss Edna Williams, who has been visiting here, has returned home.

Chas. Burger and Miss Helen Lively disappeared Thursday of last week and no trace of them has yet been discovered.

Leo Shank and Peter Robert were at Cape Monday.

Miss Mary Robert and little friend of Cape Girardeau were visitors in this town Sunday.

Peter Compas is putting down material for a fine dwelling.

Joe F. Diebold of the Kelso Roller Mills says he has some fine 1905 calendars for his customers and wants them to call at his office. He has many partners and he hopes to meet them all before the close of the year.

Wm. Collie, Adolph Sprenger, Joe Welter, Jacob Koslar and Henry Pertz went down to Benton Tuesday, and Phillip Georger went Wednesday.

day. All went to pay their little share in the hole in the ground.

Fritz Weisenstein, the butcher, has four sick at his home—his mother, wife and two children.

John Sailer says he will erect a dwelling on his lot at Edna after New Year.

Julius Drury has a team of mules and a team of horses, together with harness and wagons, complete, that he wants to sell cheap.

John B. Messmer says the way to get a newspaper is to pay for it. And John is considered an authority on such matters.

Ludon Robert and son went to Benton Thursday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Andrew Scherer has bought another farm—the Sanvos place. This makes the fourth within eighteen months.

Judging from the number of turkeys and geese that came to Schoen & Co. Monday and Tuesday the country around must be pretty well drained.

Our mail now leaves at 11 a. m. instead of 9.

Miss Helen Grojean, who has been in ill health for a long time, was in town this week looking well.

Those who thought our school would be a little birdie are changing their opinion. Already 240,000 brick are in the walls and 21 men are engaged in its construction. It will be one of the most substantial buildings in the country.

Sin Pratt, the old gentleman who is happy only when handling brick and mortar, returned from a visit to Farmington Monday.

Theo. Grojean tried carrying the hod half a day and then struck.

The contest between Wm. Weidfeld and John Kilbafner as to who can deliver the most brick has not yet been decided.

Leo Grojean has bought land near Raudex.

Geo. Gerst is sick and Chas. Grojean is improving. Though confined to her room Mrs. Jacob Diebold is in good humor.

Mesdames Ignatz Diebold and F. Meuz were here from Oran Tuesday.

Prof. Stolzer has taken up winter quarters with Grandma Goshe.

S. S. Barnes of New Madrid county, who surveyed for a railway here two years ago, visited Father Moenig Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Birnberger went over to Benton Thursday.

FROM ILLMO.

Roy Collie, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is able to be up.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Sander on the 14th, an 11-lb. boy.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. George

Roth gave a very enjoyable birthday party to a number of her relatives and friends.

Mrs. Tucker of Columbus, Ky., is at present visiting her sister, Mrs. Dora Bates.

T. J. Eifert has opened up a grocery store in connection with his photograph gallery.

Mrs. J. Albrecht drew the lucky number that won the handsome dinner set at C. I. Anderson's store at Commerce.

Miss Alvine Eifert is confined to her room with chills and fever.

Mrs. Fritz Held, Sr., has been called to the bedside of her daughter near Kelso, who is dangerously ill with rheumatism of the heart.

Business Locals.

STRAYED—From the J. D. Porterfield farm four miles below Commerce a black mare mule and a bay mare mule, about nine years old. Anyone taking up these mules and notifying C. I. Anderson, Commerce, Mo., or J. D. Porterfield, Cape Girardeau, Mo., will be paid for their time and trouble. J. D. PORTERFIELD.

STRAYED—Red yearling steer, large white spot on top of hip near root of tail, crop off left ear and split in right ear. Liberal reward. F. A. Griggs, Morley, Mo.

LOST—Tin tube containing surveyor's field notes for township 26, range 14 east, Scott county. Lost either between Morley and Benton or on north-bound I. M. train Sunday, Dec. 14. Return to this office and receive reward. 5-3t

NOTICE—A red scrub bull calf, yearling, has been at my place near Kelso about three months. Owner please call for same. JOE WELTER.

For Sale—New 5-room dwelling, with cistern, on 50-foot lot in Illmo. Apply to Hy. Schuette, Edna.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of John Stuppy, deceased, have been granted the undersigned by the clerk of the Probate court of Scott county, Mo., in vacation, bearing date the 21st day of December, 1904.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.

EDWARD OHMES, Adm.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the county surveyor, Benton, Mo., until 5 o'clock p. m. Saturday, December 31, 1904, for building a wooden approach to the bridge over Carey Creek, on the Hunter and Kenyon road, between sections 1 and 12, 27-12.

Plans and specifications on file in the office of county surveyor. Bond will be required of the successful bidder. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids in the interests of the county.

By order of the county court.

J. E. WARNER, County Surveyor.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Light iron-gray mare mule, 16 hands high, halter chain around neck. Liberal reward for information leading to recovery of same. THOMAS NOLAN, Idalia, Mo.

For Sale—Three Durham bulls and four Durham heifer calves; Berkshire pigs and a fine registered stallion. Farmers desiring to improve their stock should apply to W. C. Lambert, Benton, Mo. 43-tt

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